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July 8, 2015

VIA UPS Next Day Air

Miller Stratvert, P.A.  
Attn: Cody Rogers  
3800 E. Lohman Avenue, Suite H  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

RE: Carranza v. NMDOT  
RMD #1200393-000/001

Dear Ms. Rogers,

I enclose check number 1003750563 in the amount of \$145,000.00, which is made payable to Jesus Carranza and his attorney Angel L. Saenz. This payment represents settlement of this matter. Would you please forward settlement and dismissal documents once they become available?

Should you have any questions or concerns relating to this payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Laura Garcia, Paralegal  
GSD/RMD Legal Bureau  
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Enclosure as stated

cc: Ned S. Fuller, GSD/RMD Legal Bureau Chief

FY 2015  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLES  
\$20,000 +  
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**VENDOR NAME**

Jesus Carranza and his attorney Angel L. Saenz  
333 South Campo Street  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

**AMOUNT**

\$145,000.00

**EXPLANATION:** Plaintiffs filed suit alleging that NMDOT and NMDPS were negligent by allowing DPS officers (MTD & State Police) to direct traffic in a work zone where an ongoing NMDOT repair project was occurring. Plaintiffs claim that this negligent direction of traffic caused traffic to slow down too rapidly, which caused the driver of a commercial motor vehicle to rear-end Jesus Carranza, resulting in severe bodily injuries to him. This matter went before a jury the week of May 4, 2015. The jury returned a verdict on May 7, 2015 awarding Plaintiff \$225,000 in medical expenses, plus \$1,075,000 in other damages but found the commercial motor vehicle driver 90% liable, DOT 10% liable, and no liability was found against DPS. Pursuant to the verdict/judgment, DOT must pay Plaintiff \$130,000, plus \$15,000 in attorney's fees and costs.

**Risk Management Division:**  
PROPERTY & CASUALTY BUREAU

**Settlement:**

RMD Claim Number #: 1200393-000/001 (DOT/DPS)

Invoice Attached: Fund: ☐ 356 Property ☒ 357 Public Liability ☐ 358 Surety

Terms: N/A

Due Date: ASAP

Late Fees/Penalty: N/A

Division Contact Name: Ned S. Fuller (LRG)      Date Prepared: June 29, 2015

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Ned S. Fuller, GSD/RMD Legal Bureau Chief  
Lara White Davis, GSD/RMD General Counsel

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